

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1 through 4 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto ~~[[to]]~~ an intermediate transfer body at ~~[[on]]~~ a first transfer position; ~~position;~~

second transfer means which includes ~~[[has]]~~ a transfer member attachable to and detachable from ~~[[to]]~~ said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto ~~[[to]]~~ a transferring material at ~~[[on]]~~ a second transfer position; ~~position;~~

cleaning means which includes ~~[[has]]~~ a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from ~~[[to]]~~ said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact ~~[[the]]~~ surface of said intermediate transfer body; ~~on a cleaning position;~~ and

control means for performing a control so that a subsequent image forming area does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body ~~the position which makes contact with said cleaning member~~ and is not cleaned by said cleaning means; ~~means on said intermediate transfer body.~~

2. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto ~~[[to]]~~ an intermediate transfer body at ~~[[on]]~~ a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes ~~[[has]]~~ a transfer member and transfer output means and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto ~~[[to]]~~ a transferring material at ~~[[on]]~~ a second transfer position, said transfer means being attachable to and detachable from ~~[[to]]~~ said intermediate transfer body, said transfer output means applying a transfer output to said transfer member;

said second transfer means performing a voltage-current detection operation on said transfer member when no image is formed and determining the transfer output of the transferring operation based on a detection result of the detection ~~detecting~~ operation;

cleaning means which has a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from ~~[[to]]~~ said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member to a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact ~~[[the]]~~ surface of said intermediate transfer member; ~~on a cleaning position~~; and

control means for performing a control so that a detection ~~detecting~~ area of the detection ~~detecting~~ operation does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body or separates from said intermediate transfer body ~~the position which is in contact with or separated from said cleaning member~~ and is not cleaned by said cleaning means. ~~means on said intermediate transfer body~~.

3. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member,

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto ~~[[to]]~~ an intermediate transfer body at ~~[[on]]~~ a first transfer position; ~~position~~;

second transfer means which includes ~~[[has]]~~ a transfer member attachable to and detachable from ~~[[to]]~~ said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto ~~[[to]]~~ a transferring material at ~~[[on]]~~ a second transfer position; ~~position~~;

cleaning means which includes ~~[[has]]~~ a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from ~~[[to]]~~ said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact ~~[[the]]~~ surface of said intermediate transfer member; ~~on a cleaning position~~; and

control means for performing a control so that a contact area in a subsequent contacting operation of said transfer member and an image forming area do not overlap at a position where said cleaning member separates from said intermediate transfer body ~~the position which makes contact with said cleaning member on said intermediate transfer body~~ and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising a position reference portion provided on said intermediate transfer body; ~~[[body,]]~~ and

position detecting means for detecting said position reference portion,

wherein the control means performs a control based on information from said position detecting means.